

**EXPRESS MAIL NO. EL273178407US**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Stefan JOOS, et al.

Application No. 09/171,854

Filed: October 22, 1998

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF NUMERICAL  
CHANGES IN CELL DNA**

Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Attorney's Docket No: 03528.0038.US00

**REQUEST FOR A REFUND PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.28**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On October 22, 1998, Applicants filed the above-referenced application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371. At the time of filing, Applicants did not have the proper Verified Statement Claiming Status as a Small Entity. Hence, Applicants did not request a reduction of one half of the filing fee. Submitted herewith is a Verified Statement Claiming Status as a Small Entity pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27 properly signed by an authorized agent of Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum Stiftung des öffentlichen Rechts, assignee of the subject application. Therefore, Applicants are entitled to a reduction of one half of the filing fee and are now entitled to a refund of \$465.00. Applicants also submit herewith a corrected transmittal of the application, Form PTO-1390 indicating the reduction in fees due.

This submission is made within two months of the entry into national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.28. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if any fees are due, please charge them to Howrey & Simon's Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 23, 1998

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